

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Epworth is our Ministry!

Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? Epworth is currently serving 294 children and families through their Residential and Independent Living programs, statewide Foster Care program, the Epworth Center for Counseling, the Early Intervention Center, and prevention services. Each of these children have found refuge in the ministry we share as United Methodists in SC. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 125 years through the generous support of churches like ours! We will participate in the annual Work Day Offering on Sunday, Sept. 12, to benefit the children who are served by Epworth. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) or find them on social media.

### Ascend Youth Kick-Off

Ascend Kick Off will be this evening in the parking lot from 6:30-8 pm. There will be games, fellowship, music, prizes and Pelicans snowballs!

### Children and Youth Needs

**We need YOU!** Both our Children Ministry Team and Youth Ascend are in need of volunteers. For Ascend, we need help with small group leaders, trip chaperons, Sunday school teachers, prayer partners and small group leaders. If you are interested in serving as an ASCEND Adult Volunteer, please contact Mike Jeter 854.429.1849.

For Children Ministries, we need many volunteers for this coming fall in all our classes, from Preschool to 5th grade, Bethany NOW and Children's Church. If you have questions or comments we would love to hear from you and talk with you. Stephanie Mitchum [smitchum@bethany-umc.com](mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com) 843.343.8494 or Emily Vick [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com) 843.343.2506. We are asking you to prayerfully consider volunteering for our young people.

### We Want Your Recipes and Crafts!

Mark your calendars! Bethany's Autumn Tea Room is Oct. 25-29 & Nov. 1-5 and we need recipes for our annual cook book and handmade crafts for the gift shop! Please send recipes for our annual Tea Room Cookbook to [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com) no later than Aug. 31. These recipes will be added to the existing cookbook from 2019. Start getting ideas and working on those crafts now!

### Calling ALL Bethany Women

The United Methodist Women will have a Mission Work Day on Sept. 12 from 2-4:30 pm to benefit Epworth Children's Center Foster Care Program. Fabric has been purchased and 100 blankets and duffle bags have been prepared for completion. We need your help to be successful! No sewing required, just cut, tie, and lace! Come and enjoy Christian fellowship and catch up with all your friends while we all work together. You do not need to be a member of UMW and we encourage you to bring a friend. In addition, please bring donations for the Period Project. We will also be preparing packets for school age children and youth who cannot afford sanitary supplies. These packets keep them from missing school each month. Donations needed are pads, liners, and feminine hygiene wipes. All must be individually wrapped. Start collecting now!

### Recording/Photography

Portions of Worship services are recorded and made available for viewing on our web site. As a worshiper, you will not be identified in the recording/photos unless you are a speaker using our public address system. No close-up shots will be used of the congregation, allowing you privacy in your worship experience. If you wish to not have your image or voice used in our worship video, please notify the church office (843.873.1230), otherwise attendance implies consent.

### Emergency Phone

A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

### Wi-fi Password

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password **0bethanywelcome**.

### Text to Give Option

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply text: [bethanyumc](text:bethanyumc) to 833.245.8417. This is a safe and convenient way to give!

### RightNow Media

Don't forget you have access to tons of video resources - Bible studies, movies, TV shows and more - on RightNow Media. To sign up, simply text Rightnow Bethany message to 41411.

### Stephen Ministry

If you are hurting, in need of a hand to hold on to or talk thru an issue or problem we are a Stephen Ministry Church and have Stephen Ministers ready to be with you. Contact Denis Tsukalas 843.871.0381 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130 or 843.821.3123.

### BNOW Wednesday Nights

Wednesday evening BNOW program will begin on Sept. 1. We are so excited to be back at Bethany on Wednesdays, and hope that you will join us! Dinner will be served from 5-6:15 pm. Menus will be posted each week prior to Wednesdays. Sunday School classes will be asked to help with setup, serving and clean up each week.

There are a variety of classes available for adults, please be on the lookout for descriptions, leaders, and locations. Adult classes begin at 6:15 and will go until 7:30 children have the following schedule:

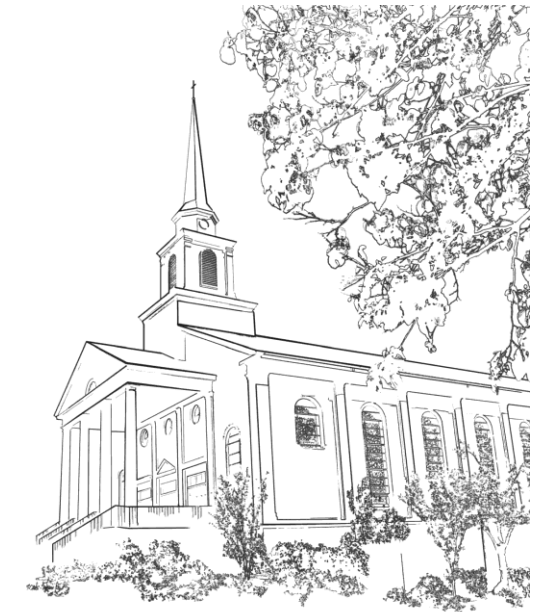
6 - 6:45 pm:  
3 & 4 year-olds and Kindergarteners-  
Cherub Choir (Friendship Circle Room)  
6:45 - 7:30 pm:  
Preschoolers-  
Sprouts Bible Story Time (Rm 110)  
6:45 - 7:30 pm:  
Kindergarteners-  
Crafting Faith (Art Room)  
6 - 6:45 pm:  
1st - 5th Graders-  
Choir Practice (Sanctuary)  
Crafting Faith (Art Room)

Come fill your cup mid-week and join us for dinner, fellowship, and learning. If you have any questions about Bethany NOW, contact Emily Vick at [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com) or Stephanie Mitchum at [smitchum@bethany-umc.com](mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com).

# BETHANY

## United Methodist Church

August 22, 2021  
8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services



Rev. Mitch Houston, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Narcie Jeter, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Mark Barnes, Minister of Congregational Care  
Rev. Josephine Locklair, Spell Chapel  
Rev. James Alewine, Pastor Emeritus  
Mrs. Emily Vick, Creative Ministries Director  
Mrs. Stephanie Mitchum, Children's Program Director  
Mr. Mike Jeter, Director of Student Ministries  
Ms. Barbara Bassett, Interim Director of Music Ministries  
Mr. Michael López, Organist

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**We are a Stephen Ministry Church, a Safe Sanctuaries  
Congregation and a Welcoming Church.**

**CALLED TO CARE**

## Order of Worship

August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak to people sitting around you whom you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

**Prelude** Five Variations on *Ellacombe* arr. Stephen Rohde

As the prelude begins, let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and prepare for worship.

### Welcome and Parish Concerns

**\*Processional Hymn, No. 580** LANCASHIRE  
*Lead On, O King Eternal*

### Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

### Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come,*

*thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses,*

*as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.*

**Offertory** *Promised Land* James R. Rogers  
Sanctuary Quintet

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

*(refrain)* I am bound for the promised land, I'm bound for the  
promised land;

Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised  
land.

Oh, the transporting, rapturous scene that rises to my sight,  
Sweet fields arrayed in living green and rivers of delight. *(refrain)*

When I shall reach that happy place I'll be forever blest,  
For I shall see my father's face and in his bosom rest. *(refrain)*

Filled with delight my raptured soul lives out its earthly day.  
And then, though Jordan's waves may roll, I'll fearless launch  
away. *(refrain)*

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**\*Doxology, No.94** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*Hymn of Assurance, No. 451** SL ANE  
*Be Thou My Vision*

(8:45 - At this time children may leave for Children's Church ~ ages K5 thru  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade ~ **in room 214 of the Youth Wing.** Please remember to attach a  
Children's Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)

**The Gospel Lesson** John 9:1-41  
Minister: The word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *Keep Your Lamps!* arr. Andre Thomas  
Sanctuary Quintet

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed  
and burning,  
Keep you lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary ... 'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over ... the time is drawing nigh.

**Sermon** "So Blind You Can't See" Rev. Mitch Houston

**Affirmation of Faith, No. 881** Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Gloria Patri, No. 70** *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE

**\*Hymn of Dedication, No. 419** I AM THINE  
*I Am Thine, O Lord*

### \*Blessing of the People

**\*Postlude** *Festive Postlude on Coronation* arr. Janet Correll

\*Please Stand

## WELCOME

We welcome all guests to our service today. If you are visiting with us, please allow us to further acknowledge your presence by signing the attendance registration pad when it is passed to you. A nursery is available for infants and toddlers in our Child Development Center on the first floor. An usher will be happy to give you directions. Also, please ask about our Sunday School hour at 10 a.m. with classes for all ages. If you would like more information about Bethany or becoming a member of our church, please contact Jack Sehart, Membership Director, at [jsehart@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehart@bethany-umc.com) or 843.873.1230, ext. 31.

## CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Hearing devices are available for our members and guests who are hearing impaired. If you need help hearing the worship service, please ask an usher for a hearing device.

In order to not distract your fellow worshipers, please **turn off** cell phones and other electronic devices before the worship service begins. Thank you.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ray Goins by Annette, Ray and Sally, Julie and Tom, and grandchildren.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY

### Ushers

**8:45** ~ Team Leader: Jeremy Dunlap; Greg Horres, Frank Monterisi,  
Travis Wheeler, Justin Murrie, Cory Rogers, Michael Wood,  
Denny Sullivan,

**11:15** ~ Team Leader: Mike Field; Bill Jones, Peggy Acord, Myron and  
Lisa Hinton, Debra Towe

### Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*Stewardship is being loyal to your commitment through presence,  
prayers, service and gifts.*

**Gifts** (\*Figures for August 15, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

\*Budget Contributions .....\$ 41,400.62

\*Budget Funds Contributed to Date ..... 1,087,412.17

\*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date ..... 36,189.52

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for August 15, 2021)

\*Capital Campaign Contributions ..... 2,767.44

\*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date..... 83,128.39

**Presence** (August 15, 2021)

8 am Worship – 40; Word & Table Worship – 87; Sanctuary Worship 307;  
Virtual Worship – 853; Sunday School - 315